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Economically Active Population Survey in February 2023

<Economically active population and labor force participation rate>

- The economically active population marked 28.604 million persons in February, which grew 248 thousand persons or 0.9% year-on-year.
- The labor force participation rate stood at 63.1% in February, up 0.4%p year-on-year.

<Employed persons and employment to population ratio>

- The number of employed persons totaled 27.714 million persons in February, which went up 312 thousand persons or 1.1% year-on-year.
- The employment to population ratio recorded 61.1% in February, up 0.5%p year-on-year.

<Unemployed persons and unemployment rate>

- The number of unemployed persons totaled 890 thousand people in February, which decreased 64 thousand persons or 6.7% year-on-year.
- The unemployment rate marked 3.1% in February, down 0.3%p year-on-year.

<Economically inactive population>

- The economically inactive population totaled 16.751 million people in February, decreasing 106 thousand persons or 0.6% year-on-year.

Economically Active Population Survey (EAPS) in February, 2023

(Not seasonally adjusted)

(thousand persons, %, year-on-year)

	February 2022		January 2023		February 2023		
		Change rate		Change rate		Change	Change rate
● Population 15 years & over	45,213	0.5	45,352	0.3	45,355	142	0.3
■ Economically active population (Participation rate)	28,356 (62.7)	2.3	28,387 (62.6)	1.0	28,604 (63.1)	248 (0.4)	0.9
◆ Male (Labor Force Participation rate)	16,133 (72.5)	1.5	16,058 (71.9)	0.0	16,126 (72.2)	-8 (-0.3)	0.0
◆ Female (Labor Force Participation rate)	12,222 (53.2)	3.3	12,330 (53.6)	2.4	12,478 (54.2)	256 (1.0)	2.1
◦ Employment-population ratio (15 years & over)	60.6		60.3		61.1	0.5	
(Seasonally adjusted)	(62.1)		(62.0)		(62.6)		
◆ Employment-population ratio (15~64 years)	67.4		67.8		68.0	0.6	
(Seasonally adjusted)	(68.2)		(68.8)		(68.8)		
◦ Employed persons	27,402	3.9	27,363	1.5	27,714	312	1.1
◆ Agriculture, forestry & fishing	1,276	4.0	1,199	-3.8	1,231	-44	-3.5
◆ Mining & manufacturing	4,462	0.7	4,438	-0.9	4,429	-33	-0.7
• Manufacturing	4,450	0.7	4,432	-0.8	4,423	-27	-0.6
◆ Construction	2,044	3.3	2,017	-1.9	2,041	-4	-0.2
◆ Wholesale & retail trade, accommodation & food	5,430	0.1	5,582	2.8	5,531	100	1.8
◆ Electricity, transport, communication & finance	3,503	8.1	3,505	1.3	3,510	7	0.2
◆ Business, personal, public service & others	10,687	6.2	10,622	3.3	10,972	286	2.7
◆ Regular employees	15,445	5.2	15,884	3.8	15,915	470	3.0
◆ Temporary employees	4,533	8.2	4,185	-1.2	4,404	-128	-2.8
◆ Daily workers	1,061	-12.3	1,005	-6.5	1,054	-8	-0.7
◆ Employers	1,343	3.0	1,400	4.0	1,398	55	4.1
◆ Own account workers	4,143	1.8	4,099	-0.6	4,139	-5	-0.1
◆ Unpaid family workers	877	-4.1	790	-8.3	804	-72	-8.2
◦ Unemployed persons	954	-29.5	1,024	-10.4	890	-64	-6.7
Unemployment rate (Seasonally adjusted)	3.4 (2.8)		3.6 (2.9)		3.1 (2.6)	-0.3	
◆ Male Unemployment rate (Seasonally adjusted)	512 3.2 (2.8)	-30.7	515 3.2 (2.8)	-7.9	467 2.9 (2.6)	-45 -0.3	-8.8
◆ Female Unemployment rate (Seasonally adjusted)	442 3.6 (2.7)	-28.1	509 4.1 (3.0)	-12.9	423 3.4 (2.5)	-19 -0.2	-4.3
◆ Middle school graduates & under (Unemployment rate)	167 (4.5)	-29.0	288 (8.4)	-17.6	126 (3.6)	-41 (-0.9)	-24.6
◆ High school graduates (Unemployment rate)	383 (3.6)	-28.7	381 (3.6)	-10.3	340 (3.2)	-43 (-0.4)	-11.3
◆ College, univ. graduates & over (Unemployment rate)	404 (2.9)	-30.5	354 (2.5)	-3.7	425 (2.9)	20 (0.0)	5.0
■ Economically inactive population	16,857	-2.4	16,965	-0.8	16,751	-106	-0.6



